

Concordia Stingers



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Quilliams, Swirsky named Athletes of the Year

Leigh Jason Quilliams, a third-year student with the Concordia Stingers ski team, and Corinne Swirsky, a highly-skilled left-winger with the women's hockey team, were named Concordia University's Athletes of the Year at an awards banquet held at Buffet Crystal in St. Laurent.

Quilliams won the Quebec university ski circuit in 1995, '96 and '97. He accumulated just 10.22 points en route to his latest championship. His talents and accomplishments are so great that he was asked to represent Canada at the World University Games in January. However, he was unable to compete due to a lack of funding. This year, Quilliams wore two hats with the Concordia ski team, he competed and was also the head coach.

Swirsky, a second-year left winger, was the leading scorer on the women's hockey team with 58 goals and 28 assists for 86 points in 41 games. On Jan. 26, 1997, Swirsky and the Stingers faced off versus the Toronto Blues in the championship game of Concordia's Theresa Humes Tournament. Toronto is an exceptional team, but on this day Swirsky was better. She scored all seven goals in the Stingers' 7-3 victory, prompting head coach Les Lawton to say, "it was one of the greatest displays of individual talent that I have ever seen." She was named QSSF Athlete of the Week for her play. Over the course of the year, she has wreaked havoc with many other teams, including the McGill Martlets who she scored five goals against one night and the Russians, who also found her hard to stop.

Other major award winners include: Mark Babony, hockey, Fittest Male Athlete; Catherine Bertrand, women's hockey, Fittest Female Athlete; J.P. Reimer, basketball, Ron Lapointe Award for leadership, dedication and commitment to excellence; Isabelle Bernier, basketball, Denise Beaudet Award for leadership, unselfishness and commitment to excellence; Patrick Groleau, hockey, Male Rookie of the Year; Johanne Ascoli, volleyball, Laurie Brodrick Award to Female Rookie of the Year.

Directors Shields were given to Cammi Granato of the women's hockey team, photographer Paul Hrasko and Connaissance, the official carrier of the Stingers, all who have made outstanding contributions to the Department of Recreation and Athletics. Also, Merit Awards were presented to Michelle Johansson of the women's hockey team, Patricia Bondu of the women's volleyball team, Dan Furlong of the men's basketball team and Maija Scott, a women's soccer player and manager of the women's hockey team.

The Male and Female Academic Athlete of the Year Awards went to Vince Labossière, an exercise science student who plays hockey, and Cindy Goldsmidt, a chemistry major and member of the women's soccer team.

The team MVPs are: J.P. Reimer, men's basketball; Marc Nisbet, cross-country; Dominik Goulet, football; Benoit Richard, men's hockey; Paul van Wyck, men's rugby; Leigh Jason Quilliams, men's skiing; Louis Touchette, men's soccer; Lenroy Henry, men's track; David Chodat, wrestling; Guylaine Blanchette, women's basketball; Jennifer Casimir, cross-country; Cammi Granato, women's hockey; Anne Coyle, women's rugby; Christine Cogger, women's skiing; Elaine Millar, women's soccer; Penny Paris, track; and Cindy Moy, women's volleyball.